



# East Dundee & Countryside Fire Protection District

## Burn Permit Application

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### Applicant Information

Applicant Name:	Applicant Phone:
Applicant Email:	
Applicant Mailing Address:	
Organization Name:	

### Burn Location Information

Location Name:
Burn Location Address:

### Permit Applying For

*Bonfire*

*Landscape Waste/ Brush Burn*

*Residential (\$50.00)*

*Commercial (\$100.00)*

Burn Start Date:	Burn Start Time:
Burn End Date:	Burn End Time:

### Burn Supervisor

Burn Supervisor Name:	Burn Supervisor Phone:
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### Type of extinguishment available

Fire Extinguisher

Garden Hose

Water Barrel

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Water Truck

## Definitions

### **Open Burning:**

The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots, and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses, typically considered open flames, recreational fires, or the use of portable outdoor fireplaces. For this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues, or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

### **Bonfires:**

An outdoor fire is utilized for ceremonial purposes.

### **Recreational Fires:**

An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.

*(An example of this is the open burning of materials, leaves, and landscape waste.)*

### **Portable outdoor fireplaces/Fire Pit:**

A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

## Certification & Signature

Applicant Name (print):	Date:
Applicant Signature:	Date:
Owner Authorization (if different):	Date:

## OPEN BURNING FAQs

Landscape waste and brush fires must be permitted and cannot be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause the fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure must be eliminated before ignition.

Bonfires are only allowed with a valid permit from the Fire District and must not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure, deck, fence, or any combustible material. Conditions that could cause the spread of fire within 50 feet of a structure, fence, or deck must be removed before igniting. Bonfire size depends on the event and permit.

Portable outdoor fireplaces and firepit fires are permitted by code within the East Dundee Fire District boundaries and do not require a valid permit. The guidelines below must be followed.

Please get in touch with the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847-426-7521x410 should you have questions or require clarification.

## RECREATIONAL FIRE GUIDELINES:

### Village of East Dundee:

Recreational Fires are strictly prohibited within Village boundaries, properties, and rights-of-way. Bonfires are permitted by valid permits only. Portable outdoor fireplaces/firepits are allowed and must adhere to these guidelines. All Village of East Dundee officials have the right to determine acceptable recreational fires that are not a nuisance.

### Village of South Barrington:

Recreational fires and Bonfires are prohibited within Village boundaries, properties, and rights-of-way. Only Portable outdoor fireplaces/firepits are allowed and must adhere to the Village of South Barrington local ordinance 4-3-1.

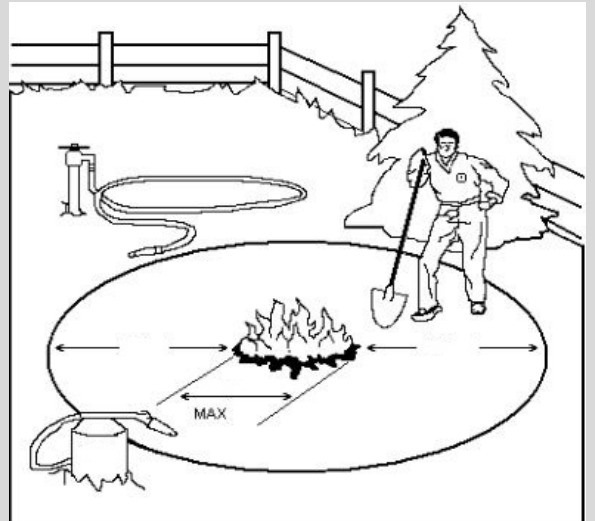
Ordinance 4-3-1 can be found here: [https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/southbarringtonil/latest/southbarrington\\_il/0-0-0-2542](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/southbarringtonil/latest/southbarrington_il/0-0-0-2542)

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- The location of any permitted open burning shall be not less than 50 feet (15 240mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240mm) of any structure, fence, or deck.
    - **EXCEPTIONS:**
      - Permitted Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material (including wood fencing). Conditions that cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated before a fire is kindled.
      - Fires in approved fireplaces, containers, and firepits: Approved containers shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material (including wood fencing) or placed on wood decks. Portable Outdoor Fireplaces / Fire Pits do not require a Fire District Permit; however, homeowners must adhere to these standards or may be subject to a violation fine.
  - Recreational fire pits/ approved devices shall be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and no larger than 2 feet in height.
  - Burning of any type shall be constantly attended until the burn supervisor extinguishes the fire.
  - A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck, shall be readily available and accessible for immediate utilization.
  - Dry, seasoned firewood shall only be permitted to be burned. Green or wet firewood often creates objectionable smoke. **Landscape waste, construction waste, etc., shall not be permitted to be burned.**
  - Burning of any type is not permitted on non-sunny days when the wind speeds exceed 10mph. Or an active Fire Watch or Red Flag Warning is issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
  - Recreational fires that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The fire must be extinguished when wind speed or direction carries smoke or embers towards the complainant.
  - Permits are required for recognized wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease, pests, or bonfires.

***The commanding fire officer, fire marshal, or fire inspector at the scene is authorized to order the extinguishment of a fire that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, depending on weather conditions, or if it violates the adopted codes.***

# Fire Pit Safety

- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the fire
- Do not use any flammable liquid to start the fire
- Keep fire at least 15 feet away from combustible items
- An adult always needs to be present
- Extinguish with the drown-stir-drown method of dumping water on the fire
- If it is too hot to touch it is too hot to leave
- Remember if your clothes catch fire stop, drop, and roll away from the fire while covering your face



## FIRE WEATHER WATCH

A Fire Weather Watch is issued when **critical fire weather conditions are possible.**

“Critical fire conditions” means warm temperatures, low humidity, and strong, gusty winds.

**Be Prepared.**



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## RED FLAG WARNING

A Red Flag Warning is issued when **critical fire weather conditions are happening or are about to happen.**

Avoid burning, be careful around open flames, safely dispose of cigarettes. Fires can spark and grow very quickly.

**Take Action!**